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## Official Directory of Pocahontas County

Judge of Circuit Court, A. N. Campbell.  
 Prosecuting Attorney, L. M. McClintic.  
 Sheriff, J. C. Arbogast.  
 Deputy Sheriff, Robt. K. Burns.  
 Clk Co. Court, S. L. Brown.  
 Clk Cir. Court, J. H. Patterson.  
 Assessor, C. O. Arbogast.  
 Com'r's Co. Ct., C. E. Beard.  
 Co. Surveyor, G. M. Kee.  
 Coroner, Amos Barlow.  
 Geo. P. Moore.

### THE COURTS.

Circuit Court convenes on the first Tuesday in April, 3rd Tuesday in June and 3rd Tuesday in October.  
 County Court convenes on the 1st Tuesday in January, March, October and second Tuesday in July July is levy term.

**N. C. McNEIL,**  
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.  
 Will practice in the Courts of Pocahontas and adjoining Counties, and in the Court of Appeals of the State of West Virginia.

**L. M. McCLINTIC,**  
 Attorney-at-Law,  
 Huntersville, W. Va.  
 Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas county and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of Appeals.

**H. S. RUCKER,**  
 Atty.-at-Law & Notary Public,  
 Huntersville, W. Va.  
 Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas county and in the Supreme court of Appeals.

**J. W. ARBUCKLE,**  
 Attorney-at-Law,  
 Lewisburg, W. Va.  
 Will practice in the courts of Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties.  
 Prompt attention given to claims for collection in Pocahontas county.

**W. A. BRATTON,**  
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
 Marlinton, W. Va.  
 Prompt and careful attention given to all legal business.

**A. DREW PRICE,**  
 Attorney-at-law,  
 MARLINTON, W. VA.  
 Will be found at Times Office.

**D. R. J. CAMPBELL,**  
 DENTIST,  
 Monterey, Va.  
 Will visit Pocahontas County, at least, twice a year.  
 The exact date of his visits will appear in this paper.

**D. R. J. H. WEYMOUTH,**  
 RESIDENT DENTIST,  
 Beverly, W. Va.  
 Will visit Pocahontas County every Spring and Fall. The exact date of each visit will appear in THE TIMES.

**J. M. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.,**  
 PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,  
 Has located at Marlinton. All calls promptly answered.  
 Office in the Skiles house.

**C. J. ELLIOTT,**  
 BUILDER.  
 Mill-wright & Carpenter.  
 Drafts and specifications furnished on application.  
 GREEN BANK, W. VA.

**J. B. McNEILL,**  
 AUCTIONEER,  
 BUCKEYE, W. VA.  
 Four miles below Marlinton. Business of this kind attended to anywhere in the State. Good reference.

**C. B. Swecker,**  
 Gen'l Auctioneer and  
 Real-estate Ag't  
 I sell Coal, Mineral and Timber land. Farms and Town lots a specialty. 21 years in the business. Correspondence solicited. Reference furnished.  
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 Use Brown's Iron Bitters.  
 Physicians recommend it.  
 All dealers keep it. \$1.00 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

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### MARLINTON, W. VA.

Prepares boys and young men for college, or business.  
 Military training.  
 Pleasant surroundings, careful training, thorough instruction, best references.

Session begins Sept. 26th, 1893.

For catalogue and particulars address.  
**A. M. BYRD,**  
 Marlinton, W. Va.

**NOTICE.**  
 Sealed bids will be received at Mill Point until 12 o'clock on Tuesday, August 1, 1893, for building an open bridge across Stamping Creek at Mill Point. The abutments to be taken down, and put up new and in good order. 6 sills, good sound oak, 10 x 12 and 45 ft long, 3 pieces good oak 10 x 12 and 8 ft long, under sills. 2 pieces good sound oak 10 x 12 and 8 ft long. 4 pieces good sound oak 5 x 7 and 22 ft long. The flooring that is now in the bridge will be used in the new bridge. Bridge to be completed by 1st Sept. 1893. Bond with good security will be required of the contractor. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.  
**N. J. BROVN,**  
**C. I. BEARD.**  
 July 20, 1893.

**NOTICE.**  
 The present Marlinton school house and lot will be offered for sale, at public auction, at Edray, W. Va., on Saturday, August 12, 1893, at 1 o'clock p. m. by the Board of Education, 2d District, Pocahontas county, W. Va., such title will be made as is now vested in said Board, which is believed to be good. The usual absolute rights reserved. Specifications for a new school house at Marlinton, will appear in the Times next week.  
**JOHN E. BARLOW,**  
 Secty.  
 July 24, 1893.

**NOTICE.**  
 All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me, are requested to settle their accounts before August 7th., after which date they will be promptly put out for collection.  
**J. H. G. WILSON.**

**FOR SALE:** About 5000 feet of good lumber at Marlinton. Apply to U. S. McNeill.

### MOORE & HANNAH.

#### AN ORNITHOLOGICAL ROMANCE.

A parrot, gentlemen, is the meanest of all creation. People that are acquainted with parrots, and I don't know as you are, generally admit that there is nothing that can make a parrot ashamed of himself. Now this is a mistake, for I've seen a parrot made ashamed of himself, and he was the most conceited parrot ever seen outside of Congress. It happened in this way. I came home one day and found a parrot in the house. My daughter Mamie had bought him of a sailor who was tramping through the town. Said he had been shipwrecked, and he and the parrot were the only persons saved. He had made up his mind never to part with that bird, but he was so anxious to get to the town where his mother lived that he would sell

him for a dollar. So Mamie she buys him, and bangs him up in the parlour, and waits for him to talk.

It turned out that the parrot couldn't talk anything but Spanish, and very little of that. And he wouldn't learn a word of English, though my daughter worked over him as if he had been a whole Sunday school. But one day he all at once began to teach himself English. Invented a sort of Ollendorff way of studying, perhaps because he had heard Mamie studying French that way. He'd begin by saying, 'Does Polly want a cracker?' and then he'd go on and ring the changes. For example, just to give you an idea of the system' he'd say, 'Does Polly want the lead cracker of the plumber, or the gold cracker of the candlestick maker?' and then he'd answer, 'No. Polly does not want the lead cracker of the plumber, nor the gold cracker of the candle stick maker, but the large steel cracker of the blacksmith.' He used to study in this way three hours every morning, and three every afternoon, and never stop for Sundays, being, as I suppose, a Roman Catholic, and not a Sabbath keeping bird. I never saw a bird so bent on learning a language as this one was, and he fetched it. In three months' time that parrot could talk English as well as you or me, and a blamed sight better than that waiter who pretends that he talks English. The trouble was the parrot would talk all the time when he was not asleep. My wife is no slouch at talking, but I've seen her burst into tears and say, 'It's no use, I can't get in a word edgewise. And no more could she. That bird was just talking us deaf, dumb and blind. The cat, he gave it up at an early stage of the proceedings. The parrot was so personal in his remarks—asking the cat if he had ever seen a mouse in his whole life, and wanting to know who it was that helped him to paint the back fence red the other night, till the cat, after cursing till all was blue, went out of the house and never showed up again. He hadn't the slightest regard for anybody's feelings, that bird hadn't no parrot ever has.

He wasn't content with talking three-fourths of the time, but he had a habit of thinking out loud which was far worse than his conversation. For instance, when young Jones called of an evening on my daughter, the parrot would say, 'Well, I suppose that young idiot will stay till midnight, and keep the whole house awake as usual.' Or when the Unitarian minister came to see my wife the parrot would just as likely as not remark, 'Why don't he hire a hall if he must preach, instead of coming here and wearing out the furniture?' Nobody would believe that the parrot made these remarks of his own accord, but insisted that we must have taught them to him. Naturally, folks didn't like this sort of thing, and after a while hardly anybody came inside our front door.

And then that bird developed a habit of bragging that was simply disgusting. He would sit up by the hour and brag about his superiority to other birds, and the beauty of his feathers, and his cage and the gorgeousness of the parlour, and the general meanness of everything except himself and his possessions. He made me so tired that I sometimes wished I was deaf. You see it was the infernal ignorance of the bird that aggravated me. He didn't know a thing of the world outside of our parlour; and

yet he'd brag and brag till you couldn't rest.

You may say, why didn't we kill him, or sell him, or give him to the missionaries, or something of that sort. Well Mamie, she said it would be the next thing to murder if we were to wring his neck; and that selling him would be about the same as the slave trade. She wouldn't let me take the first step towards getting rid of the parrot, and the prospect was that he'd drive us clean out of the house.

One day a man who had had considerable experience of parrots happened to come in, and when I complained of the bird he said, 'Why don't you get an owl? You get an owl, and hang him up close to that parrot's cage, and in about two days you'll find that your bird's dead sick of unprofitable conversation.'

Well I got a small owl and put him in a cage close to the parrot's cage. The parrot began by trying to dazze the owl with his conversation, but it wouldn't work. The owl sat and looked at the parrot just as solemn as a minister whose salary has been cut down, and after a while the parrot tried him with Spanish. It wasn't of any use.—Not a word would the owl let on to understand. Then the parrot tried bragging, and laid himself out to make the owl believe that of all the parrots in existence he was the ablest. But it couldn't turn a feather of the owl. That noble bird sat silent as the grave, and looked, as if to say, 'This is indeed a melancholy exhibition of imbecility! Well, before night that parrot was so ashamed of himself that he closed for repairs, and from that day forth he never spoke an unnecessary word. Such gentlemen, is the influence of example, even on the worst of birds.'

The American lit a fresh cigar, and pulling his hat over his eyes, fell into profound meditation. His three auditors made no comment on his story, and did not repeat the inquiry why he had asked the waiter for an owl. They smoked in silence for some moments, and then one of them invited the other two to step over to Henry's and take something—an invitation which they promptly accepted, and the smoking room knew them no more that night.—Selected.

The Philadelphia Record says: A Fifteenth street youth is endeavoring to sell an Atlantic City commutation book, at greatly reduced rates. He had planned to make many trips to the shore this summer, but has changed his mind and like the man who paid a visit to the Bowery "he wont go there a gain. The reason of it is this: One morning last week he bought a three pound package of candy for the piece of feminine loveliness that acted as the magnet that drew him so often to Atlantic City. A few squares further on he bought a dozen lemons at a Chestnut Street establishment, which he had put in a box for convenience in carrying to his office. The lemons were for himself and the candy for his girl. The packages became mixed, and he thoughtlessly inscribed the lemons "sweets to the sweet," and sent them off to the fair one at the shore. She won't listen to any explanation, and bids being received on the commutation ticket.

### SUNSET.

Editor of the Times: It has been quite a while since we have seen anything in your valuable paper from this part, and if you will bear

with me for a while, I will give you a few items.

And to commence with the weather, as usual, it is very hot and dry, and crops of all kinds are suffering very much for rain, the farmers have commenced hay harvest, and I think find grass lighter than last year.

The closing exercises of Miss Rella Clark's school took place at Mr. Vernon church, last Thursday night. There were about two-hundred and fifty persons present, and the entertainment would have done credit to any high school. Everything had perfect order and system and Miss Clark deserves a great deal of credit for the manner in which she conducted her school and entertainment, both being a grand success.

We won't tell about Rev. C. M. S. forgetting himself and leaving his horse to stand tied up to a bush all night, till about 9 o'clock next morning, when some friend found and cared for him. We don't know whether it was the entertainment or some one connected with it that caused the horse to be forgotten.

On the same night, Mr. A Herold had several guests, the next morning it was known that two gentlemen had gotten up and taken their departure, about daylight or before but there was no suspicion of any thing being wrong, until Mrs. H. found one of her chicken coops missing nineteen of her best chickens. We had no idea that a J. P. had jurisdiction under a chicken coop.

SIMMONS SACKET

### DUNMORE.

We notice that the road leading from Antigua, Dominica, Monsterat Navis, St Christopher, the Virgin Island, Stoney Bottom, Grenada, Tobago and Jake Shimiberry's Spring House, that used to be 15 miles is now shriveled up to 11 1/2 mi. and still a coming.

The oats crop is good; buckwheat will be short without rain soon.

The big meeting at Green Bank was largely attended.

Mrs C B Swecker started to Rockingham Springs.

Maj R B wason left to begin work at the Huntersville lumber camp.

Mr Harry Taylor has gone to Huttonsville for his sister.

Stonewall is able to wait on the ladies, and his ankle will be well by the time the old cow's horn grows out.

We understand that a man at Edray fell down and tramped on his nose.  
 July 27 1893.

### GREEN BANK.

We are having dry weather, and if rain does not soon come, corn and buckwheat and pasture will be cut short. Meadows are light.

Messrs. Driscoll and Kinsport, of Ronceverte, were here Sunday.

Mr. Willis Gibson, of Vanderpool Va., was the guest of C. A. Lightner Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Hammond P. E., of Lewisburg, preached three very able sermons at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Patterson returned Friday from Meadow Dale, Va., where she has been visiting for some time.

Mr. G. H. McLaughlin, of Marlinton, was in our village last week.

Rev. J. A. Taylor, of Dunmore, was in town Monday.

C. P. Kerr, constable, is on the war path, and reports money scarce and hard to find.  
 July 27, 1893. JENNIE.